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DHS Director Presents to CSA Board



Dr. Cara Christ, Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS), presented to the CSA Board of Directors on the recent opioid legislation and the state's efforts to address the ongoing opioid crisis.

Dr. Christ discussed the new authority of county health departments to distribute naloxone, a drug that can reverse an overdose until an individual is able to receive treatment. She also explained that there could be potential funding sources from DHS and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) for counties to purchase the naloxone that they would distribute.

Dr. Christ also gave an overview of the state's Opioid Action Plan which identifies twelve key goals and outlines the dates at which they are to be completed. Finally, Dr. Christ touched on the current flu season, noting that this flu has impacted working age adults at a higher than normal rate.

For more information about the Department of Health Services and their approach to the opioid epidemic, please click [here](#).

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Gila Valley Leadership Class Visits State Capitol



Secretary of State Michelle Reagan and other Arizona state officials visited with 20 members of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce's Gila Valley Leadership Class XIII at the Arizona State Capitol this week. The leadership members participated in a series of lectures exploring issues relating to state and local government, they heard a presentation from Kathy Ferris, a Senior Fellow at the Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University, on water policy in Arizona, and CSA's Executive Director Craig Sullivan spoke with them about the important role of Arizona's counties. The class also had a busy two days touring the state capitol, learning more about the legislative process, and meeting

with Representative Drew John from the Arizona State Legislature.

The [Gila Valley Leadership](#) Class brings together leaders from the Gila Valley area to enhance leadership skills, learn about area issues, and expand their professional network. Each year, the class convenes once a month to gain more in-depth knowledge of important community issues which include agriculture, mining, law enforcement, state and local government, and more.

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Yuma County Board of Supervisors Fills Legislative District 13 Vacancy

On Monday, the Yuma County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to appoint Tim Dunn to fill the vacancy in Legislative District 13. The district covers areas in both Maricopa and Yuma counties, but the process for filling a legislative vacancy states that the residence of the previous representative determines the county that is responsible for filling the vacancy.

Representative Dunn was welcomed to legislature by Speaker Mesnard on Tuesday and said, "It's incredible humbling to be selected to represent the people of Legislative District 13 in the House of Representatives, and I pledge to carry out my duties with honest and respect. I can't wait to get to work".

Mr. Dunn is Yuma native, farmer and runs a seed marketing business.

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53rd Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 40th day of the legislative session today. A total of 1,165 bills and 115 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. Today is the last day for bills to be considered in their house of origin.

Some upcoming legislative deadlines are as follows:

- Friday, March 23 is the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills.
- Friday, April 13 is the final day for conference committees.

To view all of the deadlines, please click on the following links:

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CSA Legislative Update

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) [HB 2190 county improvement districts: repayment agreements](#) (*Mitchell*)- Passed the House 57-0, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Natural Resources Energy & Water Committee.
- 2) [HB 2274 county contributions: hospitalization: medical: repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) –On House Appropriations agenda for Monday, February 19, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance: primitive designation](#) (*Cook*)- Passed the House 58-0, transmitted to the Senate.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (*Cobb*) –On House Appropriations agenda for Monday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- 5) [HB 2439 county contributions: committee youth: repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) –On House Appropriations agenda for Monday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- 6) [SB 1038 state land payments: payment method](#) (*Griffin*)-Passed the Senate 30-0, transmitted to the House.
- 7) [SB 1113 zoning violations: notice: service](#) (*Fann*)-Passed the Senate 23-5, transmitted to the House.
- 8) [SB 1410 transient lodging tax: rural counties](#) (*Borrelli*)- Referred to Senate Finance.

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NACo Webinar: County Roles & Opportunities in Reentry Planning

On February 22, 2018 , from 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [County Roles and Opportunities in Reentry Planning](#).

The webinar will explore how counties are uniquely positioned to lead efforts to advance safety and justice, as they run 91 percent of all jails with nearly 11 million people admitted every year. This NACo three-part webinar series will focus on key areas of local criminal justice systems that most affect counties and offer strategies counties can employ to address these issues, make their justice systems work more effectively and efficiently, and ultimately lead to safer and healthier communities. This webinar will highlight strategies counties can use to assist individuals returning to their communities after incarceration, including training and workforce development and providing connections to physical and behavioral health treatment.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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Arizona Celebrates Arizona's 106th Birthday

Earlier this week, Governor Ducey issued the following statement in honor of Arizona Statehood Day on February 14th:

"We are blessed to live in the most beautiful state in America, and one filled with unlimited opportunities. For the past 106 years, we have continued to grow and lead as a top destination for people to visit, receive an education, raise a family, and build a business. Our state has a rich tradition of breaking with conformity and pioneering new ideas, and as we continue to embark on our second century, our future is boundless."



He also issued a proclamation that can be viewed [here](#).

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The full schedule for the Joint Appropriations Committee Budget Hearing and House Appropriation Subcommittee meetings can be found [here](#).
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 20th at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109

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